

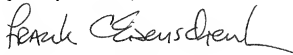
Remarks

Claims 40-75 are pending in the subject application. Applicant hereby reaffirms the election of nucleotide, as the undersired constituent and ionic interaction, as the polynucleotide/solid phase attachment means. By way of this amendment, claim 76 has been added (support for the new claims may be found, for example, in previously presented claim 40). Accordingly, claims 40-76 are currently before the Examiner and claims 40-58, 62-64, 69 and 72-75 read on the elected species. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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